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Season's Greetings

TO OUR EMPLOYEES:

I wish to thank all of you for your good work with the Company and to express my sincere wish that the Christmas Season for you and your loved ones will be one of joy and thankfulness to God for His blessings and that you will have much happiness during the year to come.

Sincerely,

J. Mulock

TO OUR EMPLOYEES:

CHRISTMAS — *the season of the year when goodwill abounds in the hearts of men, when we feel a deep desire for friendship, when neighbor warmly welcomes neighbor, and when we are thinking of ways to bring happiness into the hearts of others.*

CHRISTMAS — *when people everywhere fervently hope that in the spirit of Christmas, Wise Men will one day rediscover "Peace on Earth Goodwill Towards Men."*

At this Christmas Season I extend to you and your families my warmest wishes for health and happiness throughout the holidays and the New Year.

Sincerely,

Oscar A. Glaeser

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Merry Christmas

This year, as in years past, there will be those who celebrate Christmas and there will be those who keep Christmas. Perhaps you will say there is little difference between the two . . . but the words "keeping Christmas" possess an old-fashioned ring that seems to more truly represent the spirit of the day.

Why is it that we have kept Christmas down through the ages? Certainly not because of the gifts we have received and not entirely because we gain pleasure from giving. What appeals to you most at Christmas? Is it the jewel you receive so beautifully wrapped in a background of plush . . . or is it the feeling of inner contentment when you shake the hand of a steadfast friend, when someone you love kisses you under the mistletoe or when you see eager faces peeping through the living room curtains on Christmas morning?

We think it's the more homely pleasures that keep alive the spirit of Christmas. We keep Christmas when we forget what the world owes us and realize what we owe the world. We keep Christmas when we visit the lonely and the aged . . . when we take time out from our own busy existence to address a few cards. We keep Christmas when we

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THIS MONTH'S COVER

Santa Claus in the person of Donald L. Fife, electrician helper, listens attentively while a group of Lark youngsters tell him what they want Santa to bring them for Christmas. He is scheduled to visit the Lark Athletic Association Christmas party, December 24, and distribute candy and nuts to all the young people who attend.

Prepare For Disaster

Henry Wahlquist and Earl Rager Take Rescue Instructor's Course

"Fire department KOAA4, control No. 1 from car 60. Rescue squad proceed to disaster at 504 North 21st West. Use the following route: west on 8th South to Redwood, north to North Temple and then west and north to the scene. Report to senior warden on duty."

This was it! The long-dreaded day had arrived when our city was left a shambles by enemy bombers. A group of men, quietly but systematically rushed to waiting trucks and drove to the scene of disaster. Upon arrival they saw a building on the brink of collapse and filled with debris. One side was missing, so rescue proceedings could be witnessed.

The squad was quickly divided into teams and the men proceeded with their work. It was a grisly task. In the ruins lay casualty victims suffering from simulated fractures, wounds, concussions, burns, asphyxia, shock and hemorrhage. They were made up realistically. Wounds were cut in tinted putty molded over arms and legs and filled with red dye to simulate blood. Pieces of bone were strapped to the limbs and built up with putty to fake fractures. Victims supposed to be suffering from internal bleeding crushed capsules of red gelatine in their mouths. There were 14 casualties in all, 13 seriously injured and one dead.

Civil Defense aid illustrates how pseudo disaster victims' wounds were made to look realistic in rescue problem.

Henry Wahlquist and Earl Rager brace up wall of a building in disaster rescue problem.

The workers began their rescue operations by bracing up weak walls and floors, and putting out fires in order to reach the casualties in many cases buried under the debris.

This was the scene of the graduation exercise for 28 men from industrial firms, military establishments, and police and fire departments in the city and county who had spent 80 hours between November 15 and November 23 training to qualify themselves as instructors in Civil Defense operational rescue. Among the 28 were Henry Wahlquist, Safety and Personnel Supervisor of the Midvale

Group of men who took Rescue Instructor Training Course. They represent industrial firms, military establishments and police and fire departments in the area.

Plant, and W. Earl Rager, Shop Foreman at U. S. and Lark Mine.

The rescue training school was arranged by Salt Lake City Civil Defense and conducted at their headquarters. The graduation exercise was held at the Disaster Training Center at Airport Village. The course was conducted by Walter L. Chandler and Dr. M. B. Steig of the Federal Civil Defense Administration who were formerly instructors in the Civil Defense School at St. Mary's College.

Henry and Earl, along with their fellow classmen, thanks to the training they had received came through the course with flying colors and are now equipped to train others in rescue work to be prepared in case that dreaded day really arrives.

Merry Christmas . . .

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kneel down to consider the needs of little children and when we bury our hates and prejudices and fan into flame our more kindly feelings.

Yes, there's a difference between keeping Christmas and celebrating Christmas . . . all the difference in the world.

LEAD-ZINC SITUATION

Price of lead (New York) continues at 15¢ per pound and that of zinc (E. St. Louis) at 11.5¢ per pound.

Lead (New York)	15¢
Zinc (E. St. Louis)	11.5¢

(Source — E.&M.J. Metal & Mineral Markets).

HUMAN RELATIONS IN A CAPSULE

Five most important words	I am proud of you.
Four most important words	What is your opinion?
Three most important words	If you please.
Two most important words	Thank you.
One least important word	I.

Floyd Rasmussen and his family depict one of America's most treasured Christmas customs—trimming the Christmas tree. Left to Right, wife, Roberta, daughters Suellen, Gwenda Lou, Ruth, Sheila, Carol and Floyd. Floyd is a hoistman at the Mine.

Christmas Customs

U. S. and Lark Mine Employees and Their Families Tell of Yuletide Traditions

The Christmas we enjoy in America reflects in modified form customs of many lands. Over the past two centuries people who have come to this country from foreign lands have brought with them their yuletide traditions which have been woven together into our Christmas customs, much like threads are woven into a tapestry.

To share their anticipated celebrations of the Yuletide Season, *Smeltingco* called at the homes of several U. S. and Lark Mine employees to learn something of their customs and those of their ancestors. Some are natives of America, others came here from foreign lands, but all join in a joyous celebration of Christmas.

One of the happiest customs throughout the world which has been adopted by the American family is the decorating of the Christmas tree. Since the earliest days, this has been one of the first ways of giving the home a festive air. However, trees were not first used for their decorative value, but because of their ability to bring the wonder of nature indoors. The candles and lights placed on the tree represent the stars of the heaven, and the trinkets date back to early Roman days when little masks were hung on the trees to impart fertility. *Smeltingco* found Floyd Rasmussen and his wife, Roberta, stringing the lights on the tree while their five daughters were placing the brightly colored ornaments.

"In Germany, the Christmas tree is not decorated until Christmas

Christmas Customs

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Eve, and the children are not allowed to view the tree until the parents have completed the decorations," recall Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lugerbauer. St. Nicholas has been replaced in Germany by Christkind, and the children are taught that Christkind is a messenger from Jesus who comes to earth at Christmastime to bring them presents. The Christkind is represented as a child with golden wings, a golden crown, and dressed in white robes. Sometimes St. Nicholas goes about with the Christkind observing the children's behavior and leaves a bundle of rods where they are needed.

"We try to instill in the hearts of our children the spiritual meaning of Christmas," we were told by Elmer and Marian Smart. "We sing

Carl Lugerbauer, machinist at the Mine, his wife Rosalia and daughter Rosalie, make preparation for Christmas by hanging up stocking and wrapping colorful present. Rosalie is holding dolls which she received from relatives in Germany.

Elmer Smart and his family practice a Christmas carol. They are singing Silent Night. Elmer is holding Eileen, Marian, his wife, is at the piano. Other children L. to R. are: Neil, Ray, Gloria, Phil and Glen.

Geoffrey Glover, wife Hilda and children Christopher, 4, Wendy 6, and Roger 8, wrap presents to send to relatives in England. Geoffrey and his family came to America in 1952. He is a timberman at the Mine.

carols, read about the birth of Jesus, decorate our tree, and play games together. Above all, we try to teach them that it is more blessed to give than to receive."

Geoffrey Glover, along with his wife, Hilda, and three children ventured to this country from England eighteen months ago. Christmas in their native land is a two-day celebration. On Christmas day, Father Christmas visits the families and distributes gifts. December 26th is observed as "Boxing Day" at which time the butcher, baker, postman, and newsboy are presented with small offerings in the spirit of the season. A joyous part of the English Christmas is the "pantomime," a musical production where Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, and many other children's stories set to music are enjoyed by the entire family.

Nick and Katherine Kulkus and sons Ernie 6 and Johnny 3 illustrate a Christmas custom followed by their relatives in Greece; baking special loaves of bread with a cross on them and a silver coin baked in. Nick is a timberman at the Mine.

Christmas Customs

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Nick Kulkus and his wife, Katherine, whom Nick brought back from Migheuros, Greece, some six years ago, told us that in Greek homes at Christmas, special loaves of bread are baked with a silver coin concealed within, and marked with a cross on top. The father and mother break the bread in small portions, setting aside portions for the home's patron saint, the house itself, the animals of the house, and finally dividing the remainder among members of the family, according to age. He who finds the coin is considered to be prosperous and lucky through the coming year.

Julian Benavidez and his family recall that in Mexico, the Christmas celebration begins on December 16th and for the next nine nights the "Posada" is celebrated in commemoration of the journey of the parents of the Christ child in their search for lodging. A gay feature of this celebration is the breaking of the Pinata. Instead of decorating a Christmas tree, the Mexicans elaborately decorate an earthen jar filled with nuts and candy, and each child is blindfolded and given three chances to break the pinata. The jars, being fragile, are easily shattered, causing a shower of goodies with a scramble by everyone present to obtain a share.

In every home we visited, we found evidence that on Christmas morning, there will be joy and merriment when the children gather round to see what Santa has brought them. There will also be manifest a Spirit of Christmas—of "Peace on earth good will toward all men"—of the kind that has real meaning in a free land like America.

Julian Benavidez and his family demonstrate a custom practiced in Mexico —"breaking a Pinata filled with candy, nuts and trinkets." Jane, blindfolded, attempts to break the Pinata as Julian, Nancy, Archie and Anita (Mrs. Benavidez) watch.

WAGE COMPARISON

The data published below, prepared by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Metal Statistics, from official publications of the countries listed below, shows average hourly earnings in metal working industries for various foreign countries.

For purpose of comparison, the average hourly earnings for all payroll employees at the Midvale Plant and at the U. S. and Lark Mine are shown below. These figures include all payroll classifications, common labor through skilled mechanics, for the first eight months of 1954.

AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS IN METAL WORKING INDUSTRIES FOR VARIOUS FOREIGN COUNTRIES

Country	*Type of Worker*	*Industry Group*	*Average Hourly Earnings in U. S. Cents*
Belgium (2nd Quarter, 1953)	Adult males	Metal Fabricating	48
France (Paris)[1] (April, 1954)	Skilled males	Mechanical and Electrical	51
	Semi-skilled males		43
	Common labor		37
West Germany (Nov., 1953)	All workers	Metal Fabricating	41
	All males		44
	Skilled males		46
	Unskilled males		35
Great Britain (Oct., 1953)	All workers	Non-ferrous metals, rolling, smelting, etc.	57
	Adult males		61
Italy (Milan)[2] (April, 1954)	Skilled males	Metal Mechanical	28
	Semi-skilled males		24
	Common labor		23
Sweden (Feb., 1954)	Adult males	Machine shops	82
Switzerland (Oct., 1953)	Adult males	Metals and Machines	65
	Skilled males		71
	Semi-skilled males		63
	Unskilled males		56
Midvale Plant[3] (1st 10 mos., 1954)	All payroll employees	Milling and Smelting	175 ($1.75)
U. S. & Lark Mine[4] (1st 10 mos., 1954)	All payroll employees	Mining	189 ($1.89)

[1] Wage rates: include cost-of-living and other regularly paid supplements.

[2] Minimum contract rates plus cost-of-living allowances applicable at Milan.

[3] Includes overtime and shift premium but not any fringe benefits. Fringe benefits, include holiday pay, vacation pay, group insurance, pensions, Social Security taxes, and workmen's compensation, add an average of approximately 25¢ per hour per employee.

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HIAWATHA...

School Holds Harvest Festival

The elementary school held a Harvest Festival at the school November 11 in conjunction with the Parent Teachers Association. It was a carnival type affair with dart games, fish pond, fortune tellers and many other games. Cookies and punch were also sold. The proceeds will be used to buy a record player for the school.

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Legionnaires and Auxiliary Enjoy Party

Hiawatha's American Legion Post and Auxiliary held a joint party November 27. The Legionnaires and their wives played bingo, and dart games and danced. Refreshments consisting of chili and pie for dessert were served.

A chicken, turkey and a ham were given away as prizes. To make the raffle exciting two drawings were held for each prize. The names of those present were placed in a box and ten names drawn. These ten names were put in another box and the names drawn out. The last name out of the ten won the prize. This was repeated for each prize. Dan Gerber's name was called at every drawing but he failed to win a prize. The turkey went to Bill Wooten, the ham was won by Torval Christensen, and Eli Kolovich won the chicken.

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Lew Finley's father, Carl William Finley, passed away early in December. The elder Mr. Finley worked for the U. S. Fuel Company many years ago.

Hiawatha Basketball Team Begins Season Play

Hiawatha's Basketeers have taken up the hoop sport for another season and have played several games. So far they have beaten Huntington 2 out of 3 games and the Price team once. The team is managed by Albert Vogrenic and the players are Floyd Barnett, John Barnett, Mike Kolovich, Louis Colosimo, Cornelious Richmond, Jim Bearnson, Robert Wilde and Gary Davis.

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Holiday Events Calendar

Hiawatha school has scheduled a Christmas pagent for the afternoon of December 21. In songs, dances and drama, the youngsters from first through the sixth grade will depict the story of Christmas and what it should mean.

The Hiawatha Welfare Association is sponsoring a dance at the Amusement Hall Christmas Eve.

On the afternoon of December 24 Santa Claus under the sponsorship of the Town Board will cruise through the streets of Hiawatha to meet the children. Santa and his helpers will distribute candy and nuts to all the families in Hiawatha.

The Union will sponsor the annual New Year's Eve dance at Hiawatha and it will be held in the Amusement Hall. An outside orchestra will furnish the music.

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Skids on Slick Road

William Alexander found the Hiawatha road slippery December 2. He was coming up from Price and his car went into a spin, sheared off a telephone pole and rolled over. Fortunately no one was injured but the car was demolished.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dale Scott's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Del Crick and their two children recently spent two weeks visiting in Hiawatha. The Cricks live in Arizona. Del is a champion weightlifter in the 135 pound class.

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Wiliam Baldwin has been in the Price City Hospital for surgery recently. It is hoped he will have a speedy recovery and be home for Christmas.

Thoughts On Progress

Whether it be material or spiritual, progress can be good. It can be great if the two go together. The two are interrelated like two sides of a coin. Sometimes, however, people look only at one side, never the other. When this happens, progress is one-sided.

In America we have made real material progress; sometimes at the expense of spiritual progress, but in general the effect has been good. Deep down we are thankful for our progress, even if we don't stop to think about it and say so. Yet sometimes we get moods of looking back to the "good old days." But they were the days we shivered in the outhouse in the back yard, took a weekly or bi-weekly bath in a little tin tub by the kitchen stove. And they were the days when we worked 10 hours a day 7 days a week to earn a living and people died young from maladies for which there seemed to be no cure.

Today we live better. These are really the good days. Isn't it good to have a modern home, with bathrooms and furnace. It is also nice to have a T.V. set , an automobile, and planes that fly to Europe in a day. It's fine to have nylons, efficient glasses, color movies, wonder drugs, and hearing aids.

Life is enriched by having frozen foods—strawberries, peas, beans in the winter, chain stores in which to buy them, plenty of clothes and more nourishing food to make our kids grow taller than their parents. Books and magazines give us common culture and the graphic arts make it a pleasure to be literate.

Men have developed their minds to search beyond what they already knew and have found new forces in the atom and are harnessing them for work. Scientists, in discovering the atomic bomb, have shown us that if we don't want to annihilate ourselves we must develop better human relations.

These things are material progress and they should help awaken the spirit to similar progress. If we fail to do this it is not the fault of material progress itself, but our own shortcomings.

For the past two hundred years in America each generation has enjoyed more advantages and privileges than the generation behind it. That is real progress. These advantages do not always bring character and a sense of responsibility. These things we must acquire. Spiritual progress will help us to do so. And if we do, it is reasonable to believe that each succeeding generation will be an improvement over its predecessor.

SALT LAKE OFFICE

Weds in Hawaii

Mrs. T. C. Meranda, formerly Mary Ann Treharne.

Miss Mary Ann Treharne was married December 17 to Cpl. Thomas C. Meranda in the romantic setting of Honolulu, Hawaii. Their vows were recited in the Hawaiian LDS Temple with Benjamin L. Bowring, President, officiating.

The new Mrs. Meranda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Treharne. Cpl. Meranda is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Meranda of America Fork.

Miss Treharne has been a student at Brigham Young University where she was secretary of the sophomore class and affiliated with Cami Los and a member of the Sponsor Corps.

The couple will make a home in Hawaii until March 1 when Cpl. Meranda, who is stationed there with the Army, receives his discharge. He will then resume his studies at University of Utah.

Toronto on TV

John Toronto of the Accounting Department made his debut on TV recently. John, who fulfilled a mission to France for the LDS Church, along with his cousins Wallace F. Toronto, twice president of the Czechoslovakian Mission, and Lamont F. Toronto, Secretary of State and former missionary to New Zealand, appeared on KTVT, channel 4, Sunday, November 21, on the television program, "What's Your Name?" The program is sponsored by the Utah Genealogy Society. Archibald Bennett is president of the organization and has charge of the show.

On the show the Toronto boys told the story of their grandfather, Joseph Toronto, a native of Sardinia, Italy, his conversion to the LDS Church and how he had performed two missions to his native land.

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See You at the Christmas Party!

All Salt Lake Office employees and retired personnel are invited to attend the annual Christmas party sponsored by the employees' recreation association. It will be held in the Accounting Department December 24 at 12 noon. There will be drinks, a buffet lunch, and a drawing for Cudahy hams as prizes. There will also be that "much awaited for" announcement of the new recreation committee for 1955.

Plan now to be there and join in the fun. The committee in charge of the party consists of Bernal Osborne, Phyllis Clark, Paul Moynahan, Claudia Mortenson, Max Dubois, and Jack Ehrhorn.

The stork left a little income tax deduction in the form of a bundle from heaven at the Dean Massey home December 13. The new daughter, their first child, weighed 8 lbs. 4 ozs. at birth.

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Pert Young Miss

The pert young miss above is Elizabeth Moynahan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Moynahan. Eliza is four years of age. She prefers rompers and a sweat shirt to her fancy dresses. Even at this tender age she is a good booster for the U of U as she insists her sweat shirts have Utah written on them.

Joins Industrial Relations Staff

John Anderson was transferred to the Industrial Relations Department December 1. The past year he has been Safety Inspector at the U. S. and Lark Mine.

John graduated from the University of Utah in 1949 and was employed at the mine in July, 1951 following obtaining a Master's Degree in Industrial Engineering at Stanford. He was advanced to Stope Foreman in June, 1952, and to Safety Inspector in December, 1953.

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Building New Home

The Con Whippermans are eagerly awaiting next February when they expect to move into their new brick home which is in the final stages of construction at the present time. Con's daughter Patsy is standing on the front porch of the house in the photograph below. In case any of you care to drop in and visit the Whippermans when they move in this coming February, the address is 148 West 5818 South, Murray.

Whippermans' new home in Murray.

U.S. and LARK MINE

Fred White Retires

Fred White, U. S. Section Mine Foreman, retired November 30. He came to the U. S. Mine in April, 1931, and has worked steadily until his retirement. Fred has spent 47 years in mining work. He started as a mule skinner at the Blue Rock Mine in Eureka at 18. During his mining career, he also worked at the Newhouse Mine, Horn Silver, Moscow Mine, the Ontario Mine in Park City and Stanton Mine in Arizona. He was Mine Foreman at the Chief Consolidated Mine in Eureka from 1919 until he came to the U. S. Mine in April, 1931.

"Snowball," as Fred was often called, was respected and well-liked by everyone at the mine. His retirement marks the end of a long and eventful career in the mining industry.

Fred and Mrs. White with granddaughter, Penny, get ready to enjoy buffet luncheon prepared by office staff.

Fred was given a surprise party by the U. S. Section supervisory staff and office employees at the end of his final shift. Fred's wife and granddaughter were present to see Fred presented with a set of luggage and an electric razor as a farewell gesture by the U. S. Section Supervisors. John Anderson presented a skit "This Is Your Life—Fred White" patterned after the television program, in which events in the life of Fred were reviewed in verse and picture. Refreshments were prepared by the U. S. Section office employees.

Benton Boyd wishes Fred many happy days of retirement. Luggage given Fred as retirement present is in foreground.

John Anderson reviews Fred's history from "This Is Your Life" book he prepared as Fred White, wife, Josie, and granddaughter, Penny look on.

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Luketich Retires

Nick Luketich joined the ranks of the retired on his 65th birthday, December 5th. He came to this country from Yugoslavia in 1906 and returned to his native land in 1910 for a short time. Nick worked at many mines in this country. He came to the U. S. Mine October 28, 1937, and has been employed continuously since that time. We wish Nick the best of everything in his retirement.

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Pappathanasis Joins Retirees

Sotirios J. "Sam" Pappathanasis retired effective October 30. Sam, now 65, came to America from Greece in 1914. He was employed at the U. S. Mine March 8, 1934 as a mucker and has worked in various capacities underground since that time. He is currently making his home in Salt Lake. *Smeltingco* joins Sam's friends in wishing him an enjoyable retirement.

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Men, like tools, don't get an edge
On things as soft as wax;
It's the grindstone's roughness
That sharpens up the axe.

Grant Fahrni Brings Home Bride

Grant A. Fahrni, with wife, Irma, arrived at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fahrni, in time for Thanksgiving dinner after his discharge from the U. S. Navy. Grant and Irma were married in April. She is from Lynn, Massachusetts. Grant joined the Navy in January, 1951, and was assigned to a destroyer escort following his training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center. He has spent four years in foreign and sea duty as a Machinist Mate 2nd class, during which he has visited most of the principal countries in the world. He and his wife plan to buy a home in Kearns in the near future.

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Barbara Jean Cole Weds

Barbara Jean Cole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Cole married Leon Dance of Moreland, Idaho on November 12, 1954 in the Idaho Falls L.D.S. Temple. A reception was held the same night in Idaho Falls. Alvin is a welder at the U. S. Section.

Employees practice wearing oxygen breathing apparatus while doing labor work on mine dump during mine rescue refresher course.

Employees Take Mine Rescue Refresher Course

A refresher course in mine rescue was taken by ten employees of the U. S. and Lark Mine on November 27. The training was under the direction of James A. Zubal, a representative of the U. S. Bureau of Mines. The course consisted of a lecture on the construction and use of the Gibbs oxygen breathing apparatus, after which the men wore the equipment while doing strenuous labor on the waste dump for a period of several hours.

Those who took the training were Harvey Robinson, Manuel Varela, Charles Nelson, Dolph Asay, Isaac Oliver, Richard Elliott, Glen Robinson, Howard Dawes, Richard Long, and Henry Smith. Such courses are given at the mine every six months to maintain a trained rescue crew at all times.

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Allans Have a New Son

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Allan became the proud parents of an 8 lb. 6 oz. baby boy at 9:44 a.m., November 28, 1954. The baby was named Paul James Allan and is the second child for the couple. Both mother and baby are doing fine.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

History has ever recorded New Year's Day as a day of happiness and hope. As early as the 15th century church bells were rung and there was dancing in the streets. Not all, however, regarded New Year's Eve as a period for celebration and hilarity. And even today, there are many who attend watch night services in the country's churches or observe New Year's Eve quietly in their homes.

New Year's brings with it many resolutions for self-improvement and although this custom has been the butt of many jokes most of us still feel that with the advent of the new year comes the opportunity for a fresh start.

With the cold war abating, with the prosperity of all nations improving and the return to basic religious principles there is no reason why we cannot look forward with confidence to a happy and prosperous New Year in 1955.

Appointed Safety Inspector

Harry D. Hall was appointed Safety Inspector, U. S. and Lark Mine, December 1.

Following graduation from the Colorado School of Mines, Harry came to work at the mine in June, 1949. He was made stope foreman in September, 1950. He was recalled to the Army in February, 1951, and spent nearly a year and a half in Germany, returning to his job in July, 1952. He has been a Mine Foreman at the U. S. Section since April, 1953.

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Joins Air Force

Alvin L. Lipsey, son of Alvin Lipsey, U. S. Section extra pumpman, left Salt Lake City by train on November 29, 1954 to start basic training in the Air Force at Parks Air Base, California.

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Lark AA Plans Christmas Party For Young People

The Lark Athletic Association will again play host to the young people of Lark at a Christmas Eve party in the Lark Recreation Hall between 4 and 6 p.m. Santa Claus has promised to attend the party at 5:30 p.m. and he will present a big sack of candy and nuts to each child who attends. A large Christmas tree beautifully decorated will add to the festive air. Clarice Bergman and her orchestra will provide music for dancing for the older boys and girls. About 450 youngsters and teenagers are expected to be present. The committee in charge of this party include Floyd Rasmussen as chairman, Sonny Holladay, Coy Michaelson, Robert Graham, Clarence V. Hatt, Don Swasie, and Jack Owens.

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Returns From Service

L. Dee Crandall returned to his job as Engineer Trainee at the U. S. and Lark Mine December 1, following two years in the U. S. Army. While in the service he spent considerable time in Korea with the U. S. Army Engineering Corps.

Dee started with the company in July, 1951, following graduation from the University of Utah where he majored in mining engineering. He was advanced to Engineer Trainee in November of that year, working in this capacity until he was called to the Army in December, 1952.

MIDVALE PLANT

Smeltermen Retire

Matt Trontel

Edwin Bishop

Matt Trontel and Edwin Bishop, two Midvale Plant men with long service records retired in November.

Matt, now 70 years of age, began his smelter career in 1906 in the Roaster Department when the Midvale lead smelting plant was first put in operation. He left the Company in 1913 and worked at the A.S. & R. Murray plant for two years, returning in 1915, and he has worked continuously at the Midvale Plant until his retirement.

Matt worked at the lead plant from 1915 until two years ago when he was assigned a gateman job. He was a blast furnaceman for 28 years.

Edwin Bishop, 67 at the time of his retirement, had 34 years of continuous service with the Company. Ed, a mason helper for the past several years, worked in several different departments at the smelter since he came to the Plant in October, 1920. Ed's health has not been up to par of late, and it is hoped that with rest and relaxation it will improve.

Matt's and Ed's many friends and associates at the Plant join *Smeltingco* in wishing them an enjoyable retirement.

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Christmas Wisdom

Christmas is a gentle thought—
(Doesn't cost a cent)
Never sold and never bought
By advertisement.

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For who have nought to give but love,
Gives all his heart away,
And giving all, hath all to give,
Another Christmas Day.

—*Charles W Kennedy*

Santa Claus' special helper Roy Jenkins, peers into a toy house in Sears' store window.

Santa's Helper

When it comes to enjoying the Holiday Season, Roy Jenkins gets double the fun of most everyone else. He not only makes Christmas a wonderful day for his own family, but shares in bringing joy and Christmas Spirit to hundreds of children in Midvale and vicinity.

During Christmas week Roy is one of Santa's top helpers. He plays Old Saint Nick for the Ward Primaries in Midvale and other Wards in the south end of the County as well as other groups.

Playing Santa has become a tradition with Roy. He started being Old Saint Nick for his own family 16 years ago and each year has been doing it since for an increasing number of groups. He now has grandchildren to play Santa for, too.

Roy derives so much pleasure from helping Santa make the kids happy that he takes a week's vacation during Christmas week to accommodate the many groups who ask him to play Old Saint Nick.

Rufus Ray Recalls a Nice Catch of Fish Last Summer

Reminiscing over the past fishing season with Rufus Ray, Baghouse foreman, he came up with a snap of a nice mess of German Browns he caught on one of his many fishing trips to the Provo River this past summer. With a catch like that to remind him, it's likely that Rufus is impatiently awaiting the opening day next June.

Rufus Ray and German Browns caught on Provo River last summer.

Chief Mazuran and the Department's new Ford "Police Special." It has a 198 horsepower motor and many other special features which make it tops for police and traffic work.

Midvale City Has Top-Notch Police Department

In extolling Midvale City organizations in the article "Midvale—Our Home Town" Midvale's efficient Police Department was not mentioned.

Under the able guidance of Chief Joe Mazuran, Midvale's Police Department has been doing an excellent job of law enforcement and traffic regulation. Parents of school children extend a special vote of thanks to Chief Mazuran and his men for the protection they have afforded the children in carefully regulating traffic in the vicinity of schools and churches.

Police Chief Mazuran has also been instrumental in promoting and constructing a fine pistol range in Midvale. This range is used by the State Prison guards, Salt Lake County sheriffs and State Highway Patrol, as well as many civilian pistol clubs. Chief Joe also supervises its use by the Boy Scouts in the area as a small arms rifle range.

Joins Marines

Crespin Saldivar, D. & L. Crusherman, tells us that his son, Crespin, Jr. is in the U. S. Marine Corps. Crespin is presently taking his basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, California. On completion of this basic training he expects to be transferred to Camp Pendleton for combat training or be assigned to one of the Marine Corps schools for specialized training.

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"Ben Hur is a funny name for a cat. How did you happen to pick such a name?"

"Well," said the little boy, "we just called him Ben and then he had kittens."

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Les Margetts and one of the prize Suffolk Rams he raised on his farm in West Jordan.

Wayne Margetts is standing in front of a stone fireplace and barbecue he and his dad built last summer.

Father and Son — Smeltermen - Farmers

Les Margetts and his son Wayne, are one of Midvale Plant's father and son combinations who combine smelter work and farming.

Les, now a D. & L. foreman, has worked at the Plant continuously since 1933. His son Wayne, wedge headman, came to the Plant in 1943. Both have worked all their time at the Plant in the Roaster Department.

Les has a fine home and farm in West Jordan where he was born and raised. When Les and Wayne are not on the job at the Plant they keep mighty busy doing farm work. Les' farm consists of 28 acres of irrigated land and 124 acres of dry farmland. In the fall, in addition to harvesting his own grain, Les also harvests for others in the vicinity.

As a hobby Les raises a few top quality Suffolk rams. He has 35 sheep at the present time. He also raises mink, and now has 100 of these fur bearing animals, some of which are very valuable palomino strains.

Christmas Fire Hazards

The Christmas tree and decorations present potential fire hazards which should be guarded against.

To keep it from becoming tinder dry, the tree should be based in a tub of water before it is put up, and possibly after, or it should be placed in a metal container and its base surrounded with damp cloths or dirt.

Check all tree-light wires; do not use frayed ones; find out from an electrician or store how many strings can safely be plugged in on your circuit without overloading. Keep new fuses on hand in case one blows; don't try to repair by placing a penny behind the old fuse.

FOR THE LADIES

Christmas Pot Pourri

The Home Economics Department of the Quaker Oats Company present their Christmas pot pouri, which is a sprightly mixture of old and new Holiday food favorites.

Pretty Plum Pudding on your table fast as Santa can wink his eye. A delightfully flavorful plum pudding that's simply wonderful and wonderfully simple. No long and weary steaming period, just an easy mix and bake for the traditional dessert that helps make Christmas dinner the special occasion it always is.

PRETTY PLUM PUDDING

- ½ cup butter or margarine
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup dark corn syrup
- 1 cup raisins
- 1 cup currants
- ½ cup chopped citron
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1 cup sifted enriched flour
- ½ teaspoon soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon nutmeg
- ½ teaspoon mace
- ⅛ teaspoon ground clove
- 1½ cups Quaker or Mother's Oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked)

Beat butter until creamy; stir in eggs and syrup. Add raisins, currants, citron and buttermilk; beat until smooth. Sift together flour, soda, salt and spices; stir into butter and egg mixture. Stir in rolled oats. Pour batter into a well-greased 8-inch tube pan (or 1-quart mold), making sure batter is at least 1 inch below top of pan.

Bake in moderate oven (375°F.) 50 minutes to 1 hour. Loosen edges and invert on wire rack. Let stand about 10 minutes and then remove from pan. Cool thoroughly. Wrap in foil and store at least one day before slicing. Serve with hard sauce made by combining ½ cup butter or margarine, 2 cups sifted confectioners' sugar and 1 teaspoon vanilla. *Makes 10 servings.*

Christmas cookies at their best are these drops of Chocolate and Lace. Thin, crisp and buttery rich oatmeal cookies spread with chocolate on one side and decorated with a candied cherry on the other. Perfect to serve at a Christmas tea or open house, Chocolate and Lace are so good we think you'll want to keep the recipe for use all year round.

CHOCOLATE AND LACE COOKIES

Cookies:

- ¾ cup sifted enriched flour
- ½ teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 cup sugar
- ¼ cup milk
- ¼ cup dark corn syrup
- ½ cup melted butter or margarine
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 dozen candied cherries, halved
- 1 cup Quaker or Mother's Oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked)
- 1 cup chopped pecans

Frosting:

- 1 six-ounce package semi-sweet chocolate pieces

Sift together flour, baking powder, salt and sugar into bowl. Add milk, syrup, butter and vanilla; beat until smooth. Blend in rolled oats and chopped pecans. Drop by small teaspoons onto greased and floured cooky sheets; place a candied cherry half in the center of each.

Bake in moderate oven (375°F.) 6 to 8 minutes or until edges are brown and cookies are bubbly. Cool about one minute; remove carefully with a spatula from cooky sheets and cool thoroughly.

Melt chocolate pieces over hot (not boiling) water. Spread underside of cookies thinly with melted chocolate. Chill. *Makes 4 dozen cookies.*

Some of mothers' favorite Christmas presents this year will be cooky Jig-saw Puzzles and Sweetie Pies. Fun to make, they're even more fun to eat.

COOKIE JIGSAW PUZZLES

- ½ cup butter or margarine, soft
- ¾ cup brown sugar
- 1 egg
- ½ teaspoon vanilla
- 1½ cups sifted enriched flour
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon soda
- 1½ cups Quaker or Mother's Oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked)
- ¼ cup multi-colored candy decorations

Beat butter until creamy; add sugar gradually. Beat in egg and vanilla. Sift together flour, salt and soda; add to creamed mixture, mixing well. Blend in oats and candies.

Divide dough in half. Roll each part on lightly floured board to form a 12-inch square. Cut each into 6 rectangles, 4 x 6 inches. Bake on greased cooky sheets in moderate oven (375°F.) 10 to 12 minutes. Remove from oven; immediately cut design in center of each; cut remainder of cooky into several pieces. Remove cookies, being careful to keep pieces of each cooky in place. Cool; pipe edge of rectangle and cut-out with confectioners' sugar frosting. Place each puzzle in cellophane bag; tie with ribbon. *Makes 12 puzzles.*

SWEETIE PIES

- 3 cups Quaker Puffed Rice
- 3 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 2 tablespoons peanut butter
- ¼ pound (14 to 16) fresh marshmallows
- Three 1½ oz. milk chocolate bars

Heat puffed rice in shallow pan in moderate oven (350°F.) 10 min. Pour puffed rice into large greased bowl. Melt butter, peanut butter and marshmallows in top of double boiler over hot water; stir until smooth. Pour marshmallow mixture over puffed rice; stir until evenly coated. Pack on bottom and sides of greased tiny pie tins.

Place ¼ chocolate bar in each shell. Heat in moderate oven 2 minutes. Remove from oven and spread chocolate to fill shell. Stand birthday candle in each. Chill. *Makes 12.*

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A pot pourri of cakes is featured here. One for breakfast, one for dinner and one for visitors Christmas Eve.

CARAMEL COFFEE CAKE

- 1 package or 1 cake dry or compressed yeast
- ¼ cup warm water
- ½ cup scalded milk
- ⅓ cup butter or margarine
- ⅓ cup sugar
- 3 teaspoons salt
- ⅓ cup cold water
- 4 cups sifted enriched flour
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup Quaker enriched Corn Meal

Soften yeast in warm water (use lukewarm water for compressed yeast). Pour scalded milk over butter, sugar and salt; stir occasionally until butter melts. Add water and cool to lukewarm. Stir in 2 cups of flour and the eggs; add softened yeast. Add the corn meal. Stir in enough flour to make a soft dough. Turn out on lightly floured board and knead until satiny, about 10 minutes. Round dough into ball; place in greased bowl and brush lightly with melted shortening. Cover and let rise in a warm place until double in bulk, about 1 hour. Punch down; let rest 10 minutes.

Divide dough in half. Roll each part out to form a long rectangle 7 x 30 inches. Spread with filling (see below). Roll up, starting at the short end; place in two greased loaf pans (1 lb. size). Let rise until double in bulk. Bake in moderate oven (350°F.) 40 to 45 min. Pour frosting (see below) over tops of loaves; sprinkle with chopped pecans. *Makes two coffee cakes.*

Filling: Combine ½ cup soft butter or margarine, 1 cup brown sugar, 2 eggs, 1 teaspoon vanilla, 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind and 3 cups ground or finely chopped pecans.

Frosting: Melt ½ pound caramels with ½ cup hot water in top of double boiler; stir until smooth.

COCONUT CHRISTMAS TREE

- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 3 eggs
- ¾ cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon almond extract
- ¾ cup Aunt Jemima Pancake Mix
- ½ cup coconut

Grease sides and bottoms of two Christmas tree-shaped cake pans (or two 8-inch round layers); line with waxed paper and grease again; dust with flour.

Add salt to eggs; beat until thick and lemon colored. Add sugar gradually, beating well. Add flavoring and pancake mix; stir lightly until batter is smooth. Stir in coconut. Spread in pans. Bake in hot oven (400°F.) 10 min. or until lightly browned. Turn out; turn right side up and cool. Place one layer of cake on serving plate; spread with whipped cream filling (see below). Sprinkle with chopped candied cherries. Top with other layer of cake; frost with remaining whipped cream. Sprinkle cake with coconut, tinted green. Decorate with candied fruits and nuts. Store in refrigerator. *Makes 8 servings.*

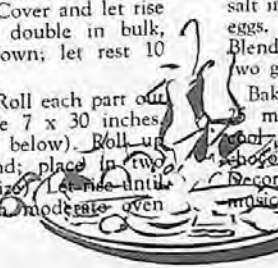
Filling and Frosting: Soften 1 envelope unflavored gelatine in 3 tablespoons cold water in custard cup; set in a pan of hot water to dissolve. Cool slightly. Whip 1 pint heavy cream until stiff; fold in gelatine and 1 cup sifted confectioners' sugar.

CAROLERS' CHRISTMAS CAKES

- 1 cup sifted enriched flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ cup shortening, soft
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup Quaker or Mother's Oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked)
- 1 cup chopped nutmeats
- 1 cup chopped dates
- ¼ cup chopped candied orange peel

Sift together flour, baking powder and salt into bowl. Add shortening, sugars and eggs. Beat until smooth, about 2 minutes. Blend in remaining ingredients. Spread in two greased 7 x 11-inch pans.

Bake in moderate oven (350°F.) 20 to 25 minutes. Cut into bars while warm; cool and remove from pans. Frost with chocolate confectioners' sugar frosting. Decorate with carolers' faces, books and musical notes. *Makes 18 little cakes.*



WHAT'S YOUR PHOBIA?

You read about so many tragedies from accidents on the highways in the newspapers these days it's no wonder that some people are developing phobias about accidents. Of course, there is nothing wrong with an accident phobia, providing it causes one to take well thought precautions to prevent himself from getting hurt. This is true whether one is thinking about his safety on the highway, at home, or on the job.

Accidents wherever they happen are plenty painful and in 9 out of 10 cases avoidable. Let's take a look at three major causes of accidents on the job that might be reasons for phobias.

A survey of accident reports at the U. S. and Lark Mine for no lost time as well as lost time cases so far this year reveals that more employees reported getting foreign bodies in their eyes than anything else. Fortunately very few of these cases resulted in serious eye injuries, but many could have caused blindness, and might next time. Most eye injuries would be eliminated, and certainly all serious ones would be, if employees feared blindness sufficiently to wear safety glasses or use eye shields when working where there is danger of flying particles.

Smashed fingers, bruised toes and back strains caused by handling equipment and supplies number high on the recurring accident list. So high that employees should exercise more care and judgment when doing this work. Many back strains could be avoided by learning to lift properly and getting help when it is needed. Same goes for fingers and toes. A little more care when handling materials and equipment will save many a painful digit.

Fallingroxaphobia

Joe has a fear of falling rock, but he's not very practical about it. It's necessary to work under cover from loose rocks but an umbrella offers little protection. What he needs to do is bar the back down and if it can't be made safe, to place some stulls under the loose rock and then timber it up.

Opticopessimistaphobia

Sam has a phobia about getting an eye injury, but wearing a space helmet isn't necessary or practical. All he needs to do is wear his safety glasses or an eye shield whenever he is doing anything where flying particles might strike his eyes.

Liftophobia

Bill's mighty cautious about lifting. He knows many accidents have occurred this past year from handling materials and equipment, so he takes no chances and practices proper lifting methods everytime he picks up anything.

SAFETY RECORD

STATISTICS

No. of Lost Time Accidents

1954—	November	Year to Date
Midvale Plant	0	1
U. S. and Lark Mine	0	34
U. S. Fuel Company	0	14

1953—	November	Year to Date
Midvale Plant	0	3
U. S. and Lark Mine	5	36
U. S. Fuel Company	1	49

November, 1954

Not a single lost time injury marred the record of Midvale Plant, U. S. and Lark Mine and the U. S. Fuel Company during November.

Both mines have had accident free calendar months before and the past few years at Midvale Plant lost time accident free months have far outnumbered those in which accidents have occurred. Yet, looking back over the record for the past ten years this is the first time when all three properties were operating that an entire calendar month has gone by without a lost time injury being reported at any of them.

ACCIDENT BAROMETER

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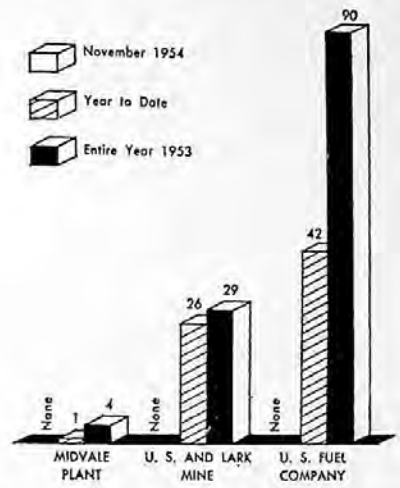

It is an accomplishment worthy of note. The employees are to be complimented for this achievement.

What's Your Phobia? . . .

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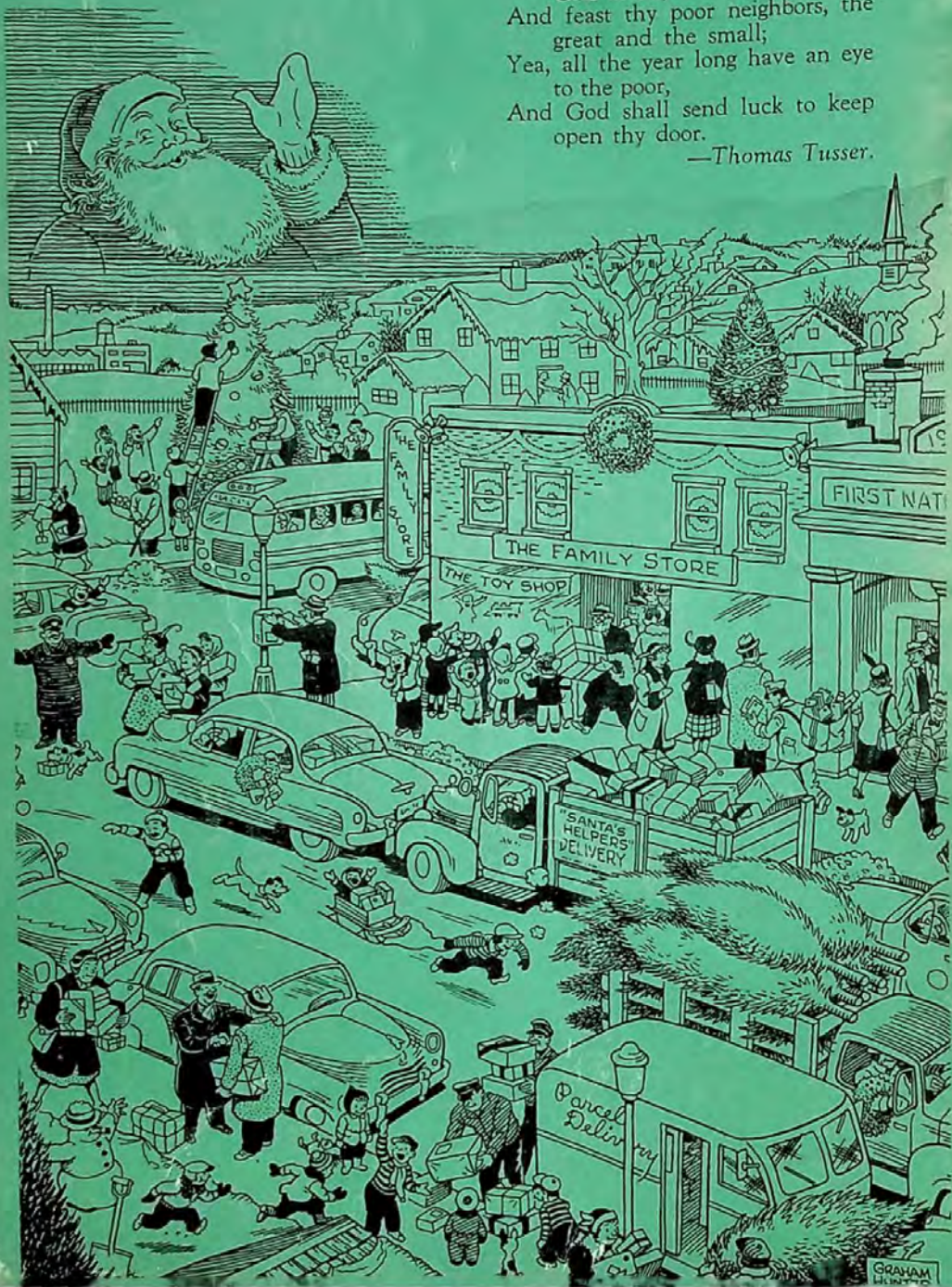
A number of the more serious injuries recorded this year have been caused by falling rock. Most of these accidents can be traced to a lack of respect for loose rocks overhead. Making sure the back is safe to work under is one of a miner's most important responsibilities and one he can't afford to shirk. "Bar it down or stull it up" is sound advice and must be followed religiously. It's one sure way to materially reduce serious accidents at the mine.

While it might sometimes help, you don't have to have a phobia to work safely. Safety does, however, depend largely on your conduct. Be alert, cautious, use common sense, observe established safety procedures and encourage your fellow workers to do the same. This will insure your safety whether it's on the job, at home, or on the highway.

A Joyous Christmas to All!

At Christmas be merry and thank
God of all,
And feast thy poor neighbors, the
great and the small;
Yea, all the year long have an eye
to the poor,
And God shall send luck to keep
open thy door.

—*Thomas Tusser.*